

Steering Committee Meeting Notes
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Harbor Transit Planning Study
Harbor Transit Technical Advisory Committee

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Location:
Grand Haven Charter Township Hall
1:30 p.m.

Attendees:
Craig Bessinger
Ryan Cotton
Lukas Hill
Tom Manderscheid
Joanne Marcetti
Patrick McGinnis
Phil Kazmierski (Consultant)
Larry Strange (Consultant)

Larry Strange reported on the status of the stakeholder meetings that have been held to date. These included meetings with representatives of the Spring Lake Township, Grand Haven Charter Township, Grand Haven Public Schools, and Spring Lake Public Schools. Larry also noted that Phil Kazmierski had met with City of Grand Haven staff about the Fair Share formula.

Larry Strange provided a summary of the Expansion Situation Analysis. A discussion on the Organization Structure took place. The seven Public Acts in PA 51 of 1951 as amended were noted as the guide for any new organizational structure. During the conversation it was noted that Ferrysburg, like Grand Haven and the Village of Spring Lake also has a dedicated millage for transit. Also there is not an opportunity to for Ferrysburg and the Village of Spring Lake to negotiate services on a yearly basis because there are no yearly contracts for transit service between Grand Haven and Ferrysburg and the Village of Spring Lake, as described in the Situation Analysis. The contracts are with the non – governmental recipients of services. There was discussion about the pros and cons of an authority or some other arrangement. The steering committee would like to see organizational options and copies of by-laws/peer review. Larry Strange indicated that the consulting team would present these at the next meeting.

The demographic data was distributed for information. A map of the area was also distributed. The steering committee identified additional trip generators for inclusion on the map.

The survey was reviewed and discussed. Question 9 & 10 will be removed and question 8 will be adjusted. Corradino will have the survey performed with the results broken down by geographic area (city, village Township, etc.). Larry Strange said the survey would be mailed in the next month. Per comments from the Board (at the previous night's Grand Haven Transit Advisory Board meeting), a media announcement of the survey and the plan would precede the survey.

Larry Strange requested contacts at the Village of Spring Lake, Ferrysburg and Grand Haven Township so the study can be added as a link to the respective web sites. He will provide the contacts with the necessary information.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 20th. This date was subsequently changed to August 24th in the Village of Spring Lake Offices at 3:30 p.m.

Please forward any comments or corrections to these Notes to Larry Strange.